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Mid-December Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of December showed increases for all barley, dry beans, and potatoes. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay and all milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 176 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 8 points (4.3 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 15 points (7.3 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.6 percent). Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and lettuce and higher prices for eggs, broilers, cattle, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of wheat, milk, broilers, and hay offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and grapes.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Dec. 2010-Dec. 2011

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		December 2010	November 2011	December 2011 ^{1/}	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	140.00	236.00	228.00	121.00	198.00	199.00	--
Barley, All	Bu	3.99	5.56	5.86	3.86	5.39	5.50	47
Feed	Bu	3.98	4.67	(D)	3.40	4.87	4.48	--
Malting	Bu	3.99	5.62	(D)	3.97	5.50	5.72	--
Dry Beans	Cwt	26.40	37.80	46.20	24.60	39.90	45.30	57
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt	7.00	7.35	7.55	9.94	8.54	8.86	39
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt	7.50	7.30	(D)	13.63	10.71	(D)	--
Processing	Cwt	6.70	7.40	(D)	7.55	7.47	(D)	--
Wheat, All	Bu	6.02	6.82	(D)	6.44	7.26	6.45	39
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	91.00	7/	7/	98.10	120.00	121.00	44
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt	55.10	7/	7/	55.10	66.00	69.00	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	105.00	7/	7/	104.00	126.00	128.00	--
Calves	Cwt	124.00	7/	7/	130.00	153.00	158.00	41
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt	15.00	19.20	19.00	16.70	20.40	19.80	37

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Beginning with January 2011, state level prices were discontinued. D – Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011
Prices Received	153	184	176
Prices Paid	189	206	205
Ratio prices received to prices paid	81	89	86

1/Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

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Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Down 5 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seeded area for the 2012 crop is estimated at 780,000 acres, down 5 percent from the 820,000 acres seeded for the 2011 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2012 is estimated at 41.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011 and 12 percent above 2010. Seeding began last September and ended the month behind the 5-year average as late row crop harvest delayed planting in many northern States. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to higher prices and an acreage rebound in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas where dry conditions had limited 2011 planted acres. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 52 percent good to excellent compared with 47 percent the previous year. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 30.1 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.37 million; and White Winter, 3.49 million.

December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2011 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 70.0 million bushels, up 11 percent from last year's 63.3 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 28.5 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year's 26.5 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 41.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from December 1, 2010. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 35.4 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 14.0 million bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 21.4 million bushels, down slightly from last year.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2011 totaled 1.66 billion bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 405 million bushels, down 26 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.25 billion bushels, are down 10 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2011 totaled 134 million bushels, down 26 percent from December 1, 2010. On-farm stocks are estimated at 55.3 million bushels, 40 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 78.3 million bushels, are 12 percent below December 2010. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2011, totaled 78.6 million bushels, 22 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2010. Of the total stocks on hand, 24.4 million bushels are stored on farms, down 28 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 54.2 million bushels, down 19 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2011, totaled 9.64 billion bushels, down 4 percent from December 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 6.18 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.47 billion bushels, are down 8 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2011, and the change from December 1, 2010 are: dry edible peas, 3.96 million cwt, down 53 percent; lentils, 3.94 million cwt, down 11 percent; Austrian winter peas, 129,000 cwt, down 33 percent; All chickpeas, 1,061,000 cwt, up 1 percent; small chickpeas, 420,000 cwt, up 24 percent; and large chickpeas, 641,000 cwt, down 10 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

Idaho Dry Bean Production Down 26 Percent

Idaho's 2011 dry edible bean production totaled 1.88 million cwt, down 26 percent from last year's production of 2.55 million cwt. Planted acreage of 95,000 and harvested acreage of 94,000 decreased from last year's 135,000 acres planted and 134,000 acres harvested. Average yield was 2,000 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the previous year.

Chickpea (garbanzo) production continued to increase and surpassed pintos for the first time to account for the largest portion of Idaho's dry bean crop. Chickpea production accounted for 41.2 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production is the large type. Acreage of dry beans other than chickpeas decreased to the lowest level since 1923. Pinto production decreased 56 percent from last year to account for 22.7 percent of Idaho's production. Small Red production accounted for 11.0 percent of production. Pink production accounted for 9.3 percent of Idaho's production. Navy production accounted for 5.4 percent of production. Great Northern production accounted for 3.5 percent of Idaho's production, and Black production accounts for 3.0 percent. Dark red kidneys, light red kidneys, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the nine classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2011, all except chickpeas posted production losses from last year.

Nationally, United States dry edible bean production is estimated at 19.8 million cwt for 2011, down 38 percent from 2010. Planted area is estimated at 1.21 million acres, down 37 percent from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 1.16 million acres, 37 percent below the previous year. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,716 pounds per acre, a decrease of 10 pounds from 2010. Production is estimated to be lower in 16 of the 18 States in the dry bean program in 2011. In the top five producing States, estimated production is down from last season.

All Dry Beans: Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2010 – 2011 ^{1/}

State	Planted		Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
California	63.5	45.5	63.0	45.0	2,320	2,280	1,462	1,026
Colorado	70.0	38.0	66.0	37.0	1,900	1,580	1,254	585
Idaho	135.0	95.0	134.0	94.0	1,900	2,000	2,546	1,880
Michigan	236.0	170.0	235.0	168.0	1,800	2,000	4,230	3,360
Minnesota	185.0	140.0	175.0	135.0	1,750	1,690	3,062	2,281
Nebraska	170.0	110.0	155.0	105.0	2,060	2,000	3,193	2,100
North Dakota	800.0	410.0	770.0	380.0	1,490	1,300	11,473	4,940
Oregon	7.1	6.4	6.9	6.4	2,160	2,410	149	154
Washington	86.0	77.0	86.0	77.0	1,600	1,900	1,376	1,463
U.S. Total	1,911.4	1,205.9	1,842.7	1,155.9	1,726	1,716	31,801	19,833

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. 2/ Clean basis.

U.S. Dairy Products November 2011 Highlight

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 886 million pounds, 0.3 percent above November 2010 but 1.2 percent below October 2011.

Italian type cheese production totaled 383 million pounds, 0.6 percent below November 2010 but 0.1 percent above October 2011.

American type cheese production totaled 348 million pounds, 0.7 percent above November 2010 but 1.3 percent below October 2011.

Butter production was 153 million pounds, 14.2 percent above November 2010 and 4.4 percent above October 2011.

Dry milk powders (comparisons with November 2010)
Nonfat dry milk, human - 120 million pounds, up 2.9 percent.
Skim milk powders - 39.6 million pounds, up 106.1 percent.

Whey products (comparisons with November 2010)

Dry whey, total - 77.5 million pounds, down 2.5 percent.
Lactose, human and animal - 80.0 million pounds, up 5.1 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 36.2 million pounds, up 3.5 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons with November 2010)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 53.1 million gallons, up 4.2 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 26.1 million gallons, up 12.2 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 2.43 million gallons, down 9.0 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 3.25 million gallons, down slightly.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2010-2011

State	Area Harvested ^{1/}		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2010	2011		2010	2011	2010	2011
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,470	1,350	Tons	3.71	3.76	5,460	5,070
Alfalfa Hay	1,130	1,000	Tons	4.20	4.30	4,746	4,300
All Haylage and Greenchop	95	100	Tons	10.66	11.74	1,013	1,174
Canola	18.4	18.5	Lbs	1,800	2,100	33,120	38,850
Corn for Grain	110	120	Bu.	180.0	185.0	19,800	22,200
Corn for Silage	205	225	Tons	25.0	27.5	5,125	6,188
All Wheat	1,345	1,401	Bu.	79.9	82.8	107,410	115,979
Winter Wheat	710	770	Bu.	82.0	82.0	58,220	63,140
Spring Wheat	615	620	Bu.	78.0	84.0	47,970	52,080
Durum Wheat	20	11	Bu.	61.0	69.0	1,220	759
Barley	470	500	Bu.	92.0	93.0	43,240	46,500
Oats	20	15	Bu.	84.0	70.0	1,680	1050
Potatoes	294	319	Cwt	384	398	112,970	127,070
Sugarbeets	170	176	Tons	31.0	34.5	5,270	6,072
Dry Beans ^{2/}	134	94	Cwt	1,900	2,000	2,546	1,880
Dry Edible Peas ^{2/}	30	15	Cwt	1,600	1,800	480	270
Austrian Winter Peas ^{2/}	9	5	Cwt	1,100	1,700	99	85
Lentils ^{2/}	54	27	Cwt	950	1,300	513	351
Hops	2.33	2.27	Lbs	2,129	2,408	4.96	5.45
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All Hay	59,872	55,633	Tons	2.43	2.36	145,624	131,144
Alfalfa Hay	19,966	19,213	Tons	3.40	3.40	67,971	65,332
All Haylage and Greenchop	4,476	4,296	Tons	7.54	7.44	33,755	31,982
Canola	1,431	1,043	Lbs	1,713	1,475	2,450,428	1,538,010
Corn for Grain	81,446	83,981	Bu.	152.8	147.2	12,446,865	12,358,412
Corn for Silage	5,567	5,928	Tons	19.3	18.4	107,314	108,926
All Wheat	47,619	45,705	Bu.	46.3	43.7	2,206,916	1,999,347
Winter Wheat	31,741	32,314	Bu.	46.8	46.2	1,484,861	1,493,677
Spring Wheat	13,359	12,079	Bu.	46.1	37.7	615,975	455,188
Durum Wheat	2,519	1,312	Bu.	42.1	38.5	106,080	50,482
Barley	2,465	2,239	Bu.	73.1	69.6	180,268	155,780
Oats	1,263	939	Bu.	64.3	57.1	81,190	53,649
Potatoes	1,008	1,077	Cwt	401	397	404,273	427,406
Sugarbeets	1,156	1,213	Tons	27.7	23.7	32,034	28,789
Dry Beans ^{2/}	1,843	1,156	Cwt	1,726	1,716	31,801	19,833
Dry Edible Peas ^{2/}	711	343	Cwt	1,999	1,641	14,221	5,625
Austrian Winter Peas ^{2/}	17.9	12.3	Cwt	1,324	1,463	237	180
Lentils ^{2/}	634	411	Cwt	1,365	1,151	8,657	4,732
Hops	31.3	29.8	Lbs	2,093	2,175	65.5	64.8

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/Yield in pounds, production in cwt.